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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0714

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH VIENTIANE SIDE CHIEF OF

JCCIA COMMITTEE ON MIAS

REFS: A. VIENTIANE 0572

B. VIENTIANE 0334

1. L/JCRC, COL. VAUGHN, MET WITH VIENTIANE SIDE CHIEF, MIA COMMITTEE, JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA) COL. ARYA PHIMMASONE ON JANUARY 29 TO DISCUSS COMPOSITION, FUNCTIONS AND CURRENT EFFORTS OF THIS NEW COMMITTEE AND STATUS OF PATHET LAO (PL) MIA LIST EXCHANGE. (AS REPORTED REFTELS, MIA QUESTION IN GENERAL AND EXCHANGE OF LISTS IN PARTICULAR HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT LAST TWO JCCIA PLENARIES, JANUARY 16 AND 23.)

2. COL. ARYA STATED THAT MIA COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF TWO
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PERSONS, HIMSELF AND COL. PHAO BOUNNAPHOL FROM THE LPF

SIDE, AND THAT SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS AND METHODS OF OPERATION HAD NOT YET BEEN DEVELOPED.

3. ARYA SAID HE PROPOSES TO SUBMIT FOLLOWING AS AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION WITH COL. PHAO: DRAWING ON FAR MIA LIST SUBMITTED TO PL MID-NOVEMBER, HE WILL SEEK TO DETERMINE WHICH PERSONS ON LIST ARE NOW SERVING IN PATHET LAO UNITS. DRAWING ON ALL THREE MIA LISTS (FAR, US, THAI), HE WILL ASK FOR ACCOUNTING AND IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 18(C) OF SEPTEMBER 1973 PROTOCOL. ANOTHER ITEM WILL CONCERN DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURES FOR LOCATING AND REPORTING GRAVESITES, AND THE LAST ITEM WILL ADDRESS THE PROCEDURES AND TEAM COMPOSITION FOR DATA VERIFICATION AND RECOVERY OF REMAINS. (COMMENT: ARYA HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS WITH PHAO SINCE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED. AS OF JANUARY 29 PHAO WAS IN BAN HOU EI SAI TO NEGOTIATE OPENING OF MEKONG TO CIVILIAN TRAFFIC BETWEEN XIENG KOK AND PAK BENG. IT CAN BE EXPECTED IN ANY EVENT THAT PHAO WILL HAVE AN LPF AGENDA TO PRESENT AND WILL TRY TO GET PRIORITY FOR THAT AGENDA.

4. ON ISSUE OF PATHET LAO'S MIA LISTS, ARYA STATES THAT LPF REPRESENTATIVES TO JCCIA CONTINUE TO STALL. THEY CLAIM TO HAVE REQUESTED SUCH A LIST FROM SAM NEUA BUT TO DATE HAVE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. ARYA FURTHER STATED THAT VIENTIANE SIDE IS UNDER SOME PRESSURE BY RELATIVES OF LAO MIA PERSONNEL TO PRESS MATTER AND SEEK RESOLUTION.

5. AS IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH ARYA, L/JCRC STRESSED OUR CONCERN OVER MIAS AND URGED GREATER EFFORT ON VIENTIANE SIDE.
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